MODULE 10A
APPARATUS
Student Guide

Introduction

Welcome and Course Introduction. Welcome to Module 10A, Apparatus. During previous periods of instruction, we have given you an orientation of the fire service; we have discussed personal safety, self-contained breathing apparatus, search and rescue, hose loads, fire streams, ladders, forcible entry, and ventilation. Today, we'll be looking at the apparatus used to put out the fires, and save the people. During this module, you will become more familiar with some of the equipment you will use at the fire scene. During Module 10B, you will learn some of the laws regarding the driving of emergency vehicles.

Purpose of this module. The purpose of this module is to provide you, the recruit firefighter, a basic understanding of various types of apparatus and equipment you will use on the scene, as well as some positions to use when riding the apparatus. You also need to know some additional things about safety and laws regarding the driving of the trucks and engines associated with firefighting. It will keep you safe and out of trouble with the law. This training is mandated by state regulation for all entry level firefighters.

Scope of this module. For the next four hours, we will demonstrate, discuss, and conduct practical exercises on various types of apparatus and equipment used in the fire service. We will be conducting practical exercises on portions of the material taught.

Objectives. By the end of this module, you will:

1. Identify apparatus commonly used in the fire service.
2. Describe procedure to safely approach and mount each piece of apparatus while wearing PPE.
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Conditions. The instruction you receive in this module is intended for firefighter recruits, meaning, it is our assumption that you know little or nothing about firefighting. Instruction will take place here in a classroom environment. We will use lecture, conference, demonstration, and practical exercise methods to deliver your instruction.

Your fire department has a variety of vehicles that are large, complicated, and potentially dangerous. Before we look at the vehicles themselves, let's talk about how they should be operated on public streets and highways.

Apparatus-Old and New

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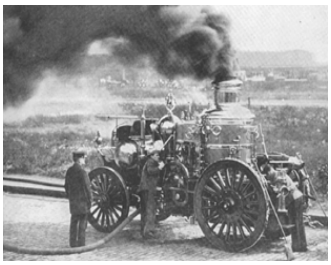

Early Motorized Apparatus.

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Modern Fire Apparatus.

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Engine Companies

- Deliver water at fire scene.
- Stretch hose lines.
- Attack and extinguish fires.
- (4) Carries pump, hose, water, tools, and appliances.
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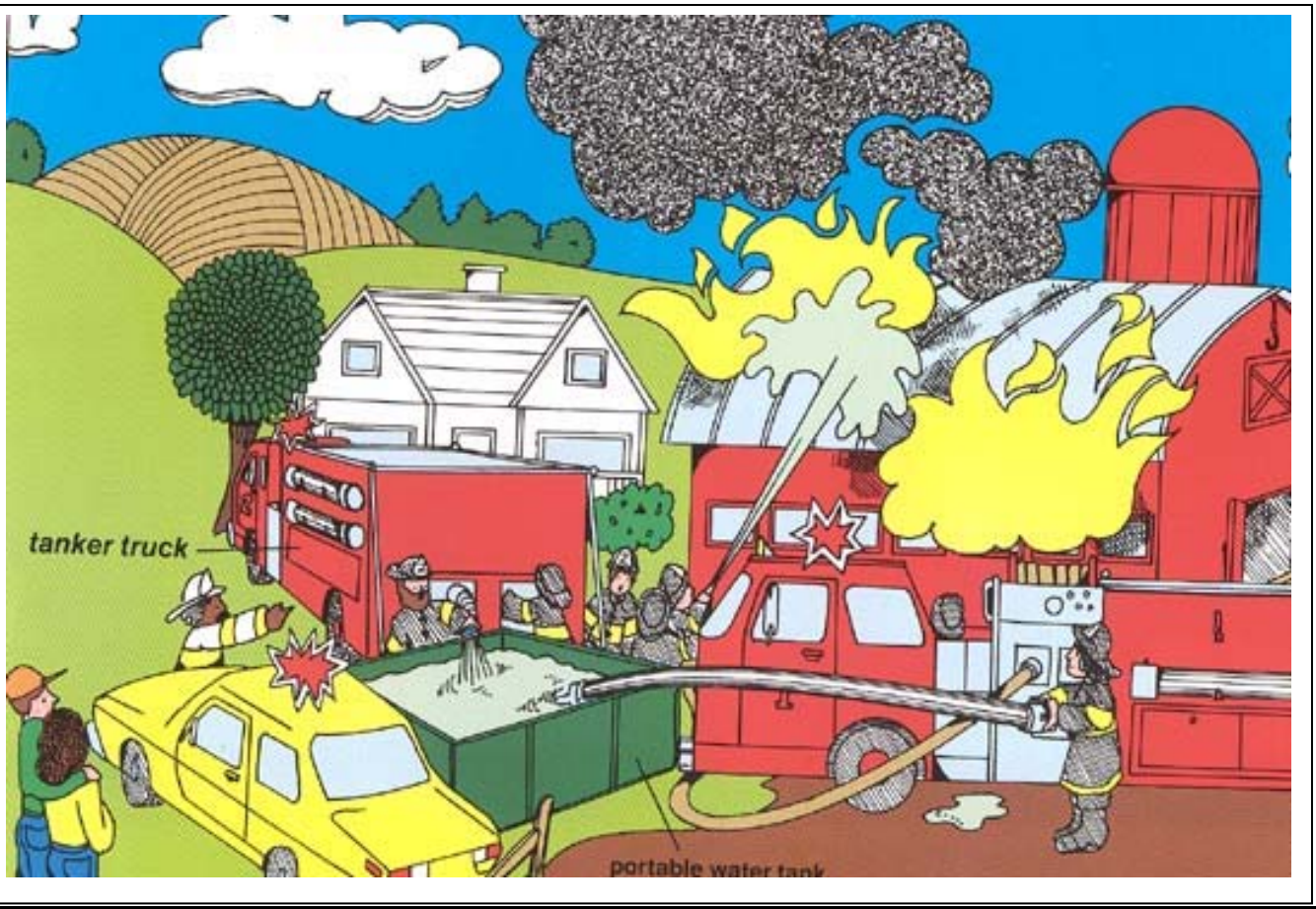
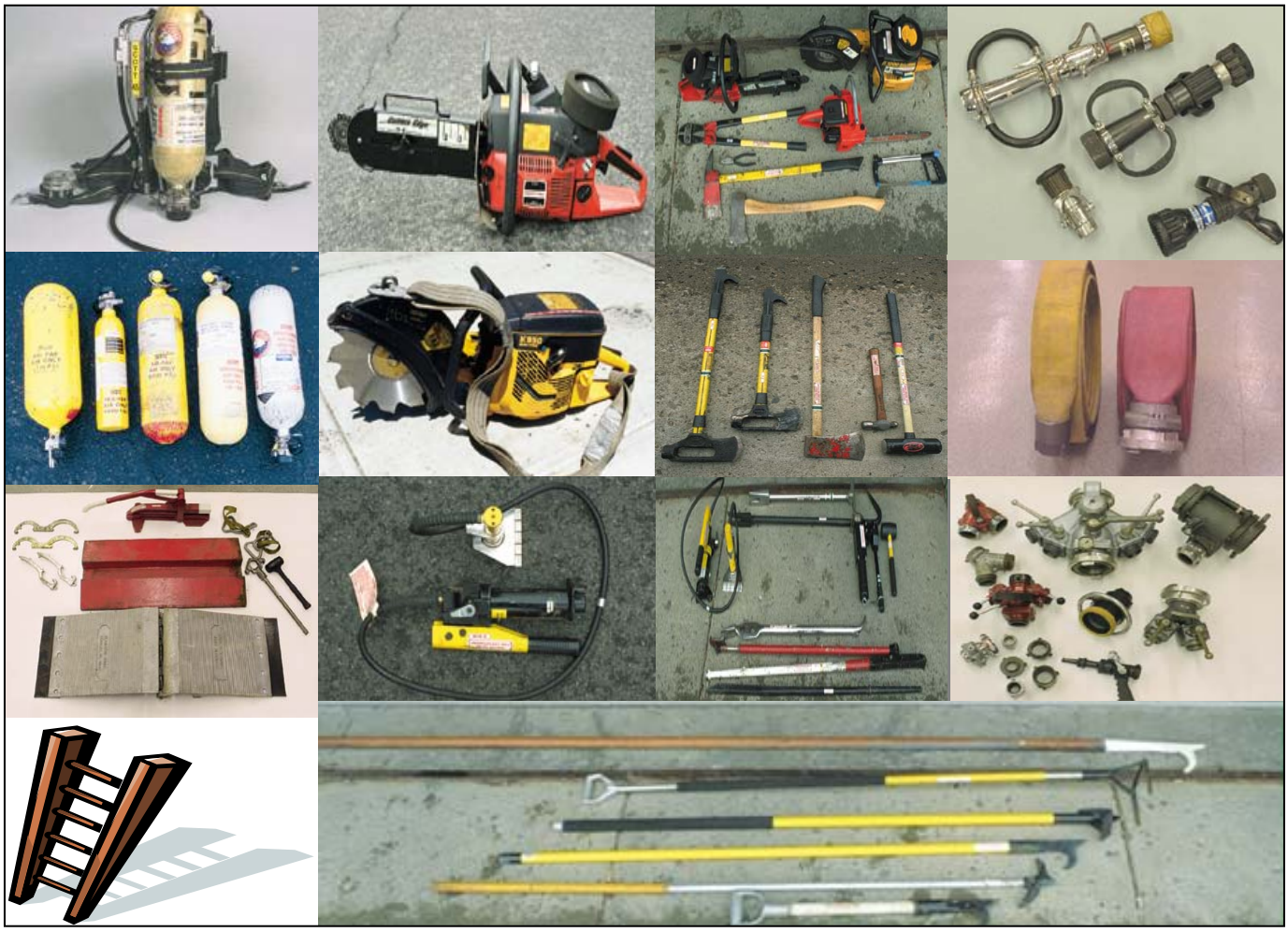
Hazardous Materials Companies. Responds to and mitigates hazardous materials incidents.



Equipment carried on Fire Apparatus



Review and Closing

Review. During this module, you have been introduced to and should be able to:

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Closing. As a firefighter you must know the apparatus and equipment used at the scene. As your training progresses we will teach you how to properly use each piece of equipment to most effectively battle fire and save lives.

SAMPLE VEHICLE INSPECTION - MAINTENANCE REPORTS

VFIS

Vehicle Accident/Loss Investigation Report

(This is not a claim form)

Fire Department _____ Date _____

Address _____

Name of Driver _____ Vehicle ID/Unit Number _____

Type of Vehicle _____

Date Driver Last Certified On Above Vehicle _____

Date of Accident _____ Time _____ Date Reported _____

Location of Accident _____

Roadway

- ☐ Straight _____
- ☐ Curve _____
- ☐ On Grade _____
- ☐ Level _____
- ☐ Hillcrest _____
- ☐ Dry _____
- ☐ Wet
- ☐ Muddy _____
- ☐ Snowy _____
- ☐ Icy _____
- ☐ Oily _____

- ☐ 2-lane
- ☐ 3-lane
- ☐ 4-lane
- ☐ Divided
- ☐ Rural
- ☐ Other _____
- ☐ Lanes marked
- ☐ Lanes unmarked
- ☐ No road defects
- ☐ Holes, ruts, etc.
- ☐ Loose material
- ☐ Other

Accident Occurred:

- ☐ At station
- ☐ Responding to emergency
- ☐ At emergency scene
- ☐ Returning from emergency
- ☐ Training
- ☐ Convention or parade
- ☐ Other _____
- ☐ Sleet

Type of Loss

- ☐ Personal injury
- ☐ Property damage
- ☐ Vehicle damage

Weather

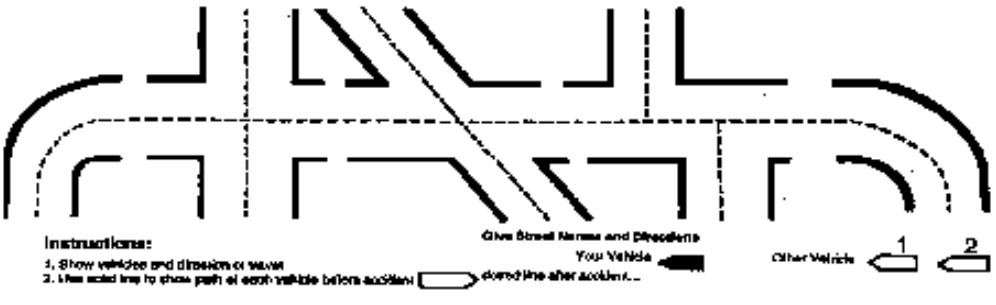
- ☐ Clear
- ☐ Rain
- ☐ Snow
- ☐ Fog
- ☐ Other _____

Description Of Accident _____

Motor Vehicle Diagram

Complete the following diagram showing direction and positions of automobiles involved, designating clearly point of contact.

Indicate North ↑



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VFIS.

Weekly Emergency Vehicle Report

Page No. _____

Name of Company: _____

Address: _____

Vehicle Mfg.:_____ Vehicle Unit/ID Number: _____

Year: _____ Serial No.:_____ Type: _____

Required Tire Pressure: _____

DATE INSPECTION COMPLETED	INSPECTOR	BATTERY CHECK	BRAKING SYSTEM	ELECTRICAL SYSTEM LIGHTS & SIRENS	TIRES & WHEEL LUGS	FUEL LEVEL	OIL LEVEL ENGINE & HYDRAULIC	HYDRAULIC SYSTEM	PUMP CHECK	COOLING SYSTEM	LUBRICATION PUMP & LADDER	ENGINE CHECK	BOOSTER TANK LEVEL	DOORS, COMPARTMENT & CAB	PORTABLE EQUIPMENT	SPECIAL REMARKS ON ROAD TEST INSPECTION USE OTHER SIDE

Emergency Vehicle Maintenance Record

Vehicle Description _____

Model Year _____

Manufacturer's Serial Number _____

Plate No. _____

Time Record

Make	Warranty (Life)	Date Installed	Odometer

Battery Record

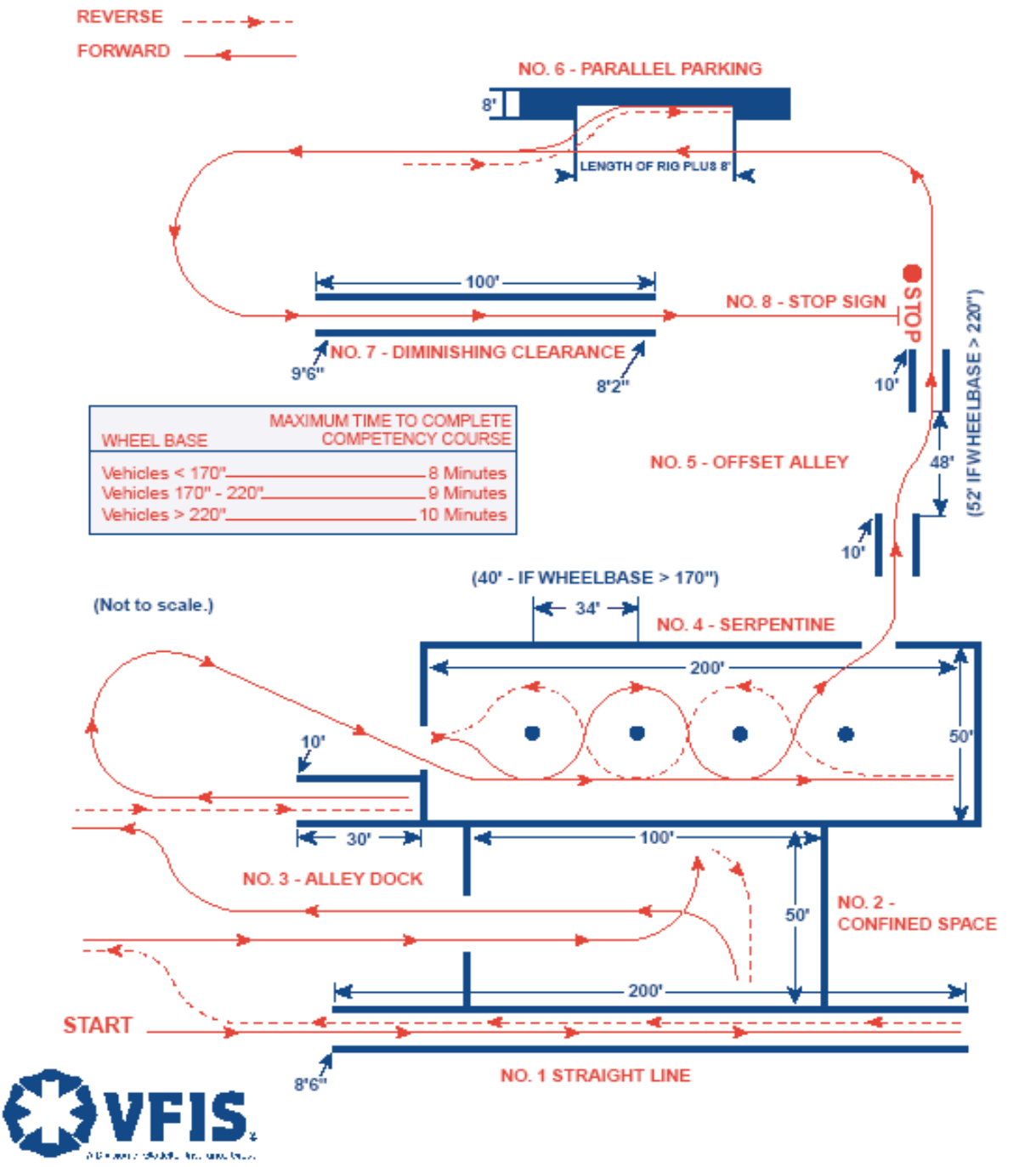
Motor Oil & Oil Filter Record

Date	Months or Miles	Quarts of Oil	Filter	Remarks

Lubrication Record

Date	Remarks	Date	Remarks

COMPETENCY COURSE



WHEEL BASE	MAXIMUM TIME TO COMPLETE COMPETENCY COURSE
Vehicles < 170"	8 Minutes
Vehicles 170" - 220"	9 Minutes
Vehicles > 220"	10 Minutes

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For more information, see instructor's guide and videotape.

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Vehicle Driver's Safety Check

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☐ Pre-Trip Inspection ☐ Post-Trip Inspection

Only Items Checked Require Attention

- ☐ Gauges - Ammeter, Oil Pressure, Fuel, Water Temperatures, Air Pressure or Vacuum
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- ☐ Heater & Defroster
- ☐ Mirrors
- ☐ Brakes (Foot & Parking)
- ☐ Engine Noises
- ☐ Horn & Sirens
- ☐ Steering
- ☐ Vehicle Body
- ☐ Wheels, Tires, Lugs
- ☐ Fuel Tank and Cap
- ☐ Leaks — Water, Fuel, Oil
- ☐ Head Lights
- ☐ Tail Lights
- ☐ Stop Lights
- ☐ Turn Signals and 4-Way Flasher
- ☐ Reflectors
- ☐ Emergency Equipment

Other - If Applicable

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- ☐ Emergency Warning Lights
- ☐ Side Marker Lights
- ☐ Brake Hoses
- ☐ Compartment Door Locks
- ☐ Drain Air Tanks of Moisture
- ☐ Air Systems
- ☐ Mounted Equipment

Remarks (explain unsatisfactory items noted above)

Signature of Driver ______________________

To be Completed by Repair Shop

Mechanic's Report (if defects are noted)

Signature of Repair Shop
Foreman or Mechanic ______________ Date __________

(Use back of form for additional remarks.)

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